

Monroe County Pet-Friendly Special Needs Sheltering Plan

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I. Overview

After Hurricane Andrew devastated South Florida in 1992, state emergency response personnel realized the convergence of animal and people issues during a disaster. They learned that, under adverse circumstances, the ultimate safety of many of Florida's citizens depends on the safety of their pets, domestic and exotic, and the livestock they tend. Until that time, people in harm's way were told by state emergency management to evacuate their home, but to leave their pets. Relaying this information has often created situations where animals were technically neglected and/or abandoned and it added additional stress to people who evacuate without their animals. These scenarios produce serious complications for Emergency Management.

It stands to reason, if humans were at risk from an impending cataclysm, so were the lives of animals, and visa versa. We now understand that many people, especially the elderly, simply do not abandon their companion animals, even in life-threatening situations. In 1994, Governor Lawton Chiles mandated that all Florida counties provide means to accommodate animals, domestic and livestock, in times of emergency events. Emergency protocol ESF-17 is a result of that edict.

Special Needs clients who evacuate to shelter in Monroe County with their pets may have several options for housing companion animals. Choices include boarding kennels, veterinarian offices, hotels and motels, and the designated pet-friendly shelters. It is important that all of these options be available at any given time during an evacuation.

Whether due to need, lack of planning, or rapid onset of an event that overwhelms local animal housing options in which even the most responsible pet owner can be caught in a resources pinch, emergency sheltering for Special Needs clients should be enhanced to include companion animals. The stress of a disaster for both citizens in general and for emergency response and management will be alleviated by not encouraging the separation of owners from their pets and by host locals offering and marketing as many options to animal owners as possible. In an effort to provide the service of a pet-friendly emergency shelter in Monroe County the Special Needs Registry has devised guidelines for the emergency sheltering of Special Needs Client's animals in Monroe County.

Monroe County is instituting this program as a service to Special Needs clients in particularly vulnerable housing. This is a trial program which would survive only as long as it is economically and tactically feasible to provide it to the specified Special Needs Clients. This is a small enough sector of the community that the basics can be put in place in order to see if the program would work. If this trial program is successful and other issues, such as increased shelter capacity, can be solved, Monroe County could look at instituting a program for the “general population”.

There always is an issue of liability when the County undertakes any action. Liability in this case will be significantly contained by taking precautionary measure against injurious contact between people and pets in shelters, and by requiring both the clients whose animals are accommodated through this program and the volunteers who work with the sheltered pets to sign releases or waivers from liability.

There will be no cross ventilation contamination because the designated pet areas in each of the shelters would ensure no “common” air elements. The animals are housed in separate buildings or units running off a completely separate air handling unit.

Clients and workers handling the pets will be provided with the appropriate sanitation supplies and will be required to wash their hands before returning to the human part of the shelter.

As in past evacuations, MC will provide Special Needs Registry (SNR) Clients with shelter in pre-determined locations throughout the county. In the event of a category 3, 4, or 5 storm, MC will evacuate the clients by school bus to Florida International University (FIU) in Miami. An ever-increasing number of SNR clients refuse to evacuate and leave their pets behind. Therefore, the following plan addresses this need while not compromising the safety of the SNR population. Our primary focus is on the elderly and disabled clients who reside in mobile homes, trailers, RVs, boats and campgrounds as well as those in substandard structures and in low-lying areas.

In a category 1 or 2 storm, Special Needs clients from the above-specified types of residences will be permitted to bring their pre-registered pets to shelter with them. The pets will be sheltered in an area separate from both the general population and Special Needs clients without pets. This pet

room will have all of the basic requirements of the regular shelter site. Each pre-determined room is on a separate air-handler than the other shelter rooms. This negates the possibility of citizens with allergies to animals being exposed to allergens that may affect their health. The animals will be taken care of by animal shelter staff, county staff and volunteers.

Note: Clients and their pre-registered pets in a category 3, 4, or 5 storm will be transported out of the county to a location which is still “to be determined”. In some areas it may be possible to house the owners with their pets. Obviously this would be ideal because it would nearly eliminate the need for extra staff. It would also lead to a stress-free environment for the pets and their owners because they would have someone familiar caring for them. If at all possible arrangements will be made for the clients to stay with their pets. However, as it stands now, the clients and their animals will be housed in separate rooms.

Clients will be required to pre-register their pets and show proof of vaccinations. They will also be required to provide food and other necessities, such as medications, for their pets. The pet shall arrive in an appropriate pet carrier or cage. This is where the pet is to remain throughout its stay in the shelter. Owners will be permitted to have their animals out of the cage as needed for brief recreation breaks and relief breaks provided that the pet is on a leash. The times for these breaks will be determined by the pet-friendly shelter staff.

Volunteers and residents from the animal lovers community are being encouraged to volunteer their time because their experience with handling pets and caring for them is a valuable resource.

Community resources contacted include: Pet shops, Pet affiliated groups, veterinarians and their staff, pet grooming establishments, and various others.

Any problems requiring law enforcement attention will be addressed by the law enforcement officer available on site. If a law enforcement officer is not on site the call will be referred to 911. The various law enforcement agencies throughout the Florida Keys including the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Key West Police Department will have at least one member of their agency available at each Special Needs site. Health emergencies and problems will be handled by the Fire/Rescue personnel assigned to the

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Special Needs shelters. The various fire departments throughout the Florida Keys will have at least one EMT or paramedic available for the Special Needs Shelters.

II. HURRICANE SPECIAL NEEDS AND PET SHELTER LOCATIONS *

Key West Area – Harvey Government Center - 1200 Truman Ave, Key West.

- Registered Special Needs Residents – Commissioner’s Chambers – 2nd floor.
- Pets – Senior Center (to the left of the main building). **
- General Population – Commissioner’s Meeting Room

Lower Keys including Sugarloaf – Sugarloaf Elementary School – 255 Crane Blvd, Sugarloaf Key.

- Registered Special Needs Residents – Cafetorium. ***
- Pets – Locker rooms – Which are located to the left and right of the weight room. **
- General Population - Cafetorium

Middle Keys including Marathon – Stanley Switlik Elementary School – 3400 Overseas Highway, Marathon.

- Registered Special Needs Residents – Room 106 – Building 10 1st floor. ***
- Pets – Room 213 – Building 10 2nd floor. Building 10 is the wing right across from the Cafetorium. **
- General Population – Cafetorium

Islamorada Area – Coral Shores High School – 89901 US Hwy 1, Tavernier.

- Registered Special Needs Residents – Cafeteria – With your back to US1 the Cafeteria is the building on the far right of the school. You walk down the RH sided corridor and you will see the picnic benches. Behind the benches are the doors. ***
- Pets – Rooms 2-001 and 2-004 – The girls and boys locker rooms. If you continue down the same corridor that the Cafeteria is located in, towards the very end you will see the locker rooms on the RH side. **
- General Population – Cafeteria

Upper Keys and Key Largo – Key Largo Elementary School – 104801
Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

- Special Needs Residents- Room 626. Room 626 is on the 1st floor in the rear building of the school. If you are going North on US1 and pass the school you will come upon a side street on the RH side. This is the entrance to the rear of the school and the bus drop off. The first building you come upon is our building. ***
- Pets – Locker rooms – The locker rooms are located across from the Gymnasium. If you are standing in the rear of the school facing US1 the gym is behind you to the left. Walk down the length of the building and at the end there is a walkway. On the RH side of the walkway is the entrance to the Locker rooms. **
- General Population – Cafetorium

* Note: See attached pages for maps of each location

** Note: Separate air handlers ensure no cross ventilation. Each location is large enough to sufficiently shelter the total possible number of pets. In most cases the clients are very close to their pets and will be able to access them during sheltering. The only deviation from this is during the storm.

*** Note: Depending on need each location has various alternative spaces identified for shelter space, staffing, and other issues.

III. Special Needs “Pet Friendly” Shelter Staffing

Harvey Government Center

2 – County Staff in rotating shifts
2 – Animal Shelter Employees in rotating shifts
1- Kritter Patrol Volunteer
Possible volunteers from animal support organizations

Sugarloaf Elementary School

2 – County Staff in rotating shifts
1 – Animal Shelter Employee
1 – Kritter Patrol Volunteer
Possible volunteers from animal support organizations

Switlik Elementary

2 – County Staff in rotating shifts
1 – Animal Shelter Employee
Possible volunteers from animal support organizations

Coral Shores High School

2 – County Staff in rotating shifts
1 – Animal Shelter Employee
Possible volunteers from animal support organizations

Key Largo Elementary

2 – County Staff in rotating shifts
2 – Animal Shelter Employees in rotating shifts
Possible volunteers from animal support organizations

IV. STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

A. LOCATION

Pet-friendly shelter locations will be those designated by Monroe County Animal Control Staff as meeting the safety standards for humans and/or animals. Areas for animal sheltering shall meet the following minimum requirements:

A-1 Cats, Dogs, Birds Area

This area should be large enough to separate species and, if necessary, quarantine for health and safety of animals, owners, and volunteers. Separate areas should be designated for dogs, cats, and other small animals; Owners will be required to bring records of recent vaccinations, identification tags or collars, documentation of animal work status, i.e. seeing eye, disability assistance, NASAR certification, etc.

This area should be easy to clean and disinfect, preferably with concrete, tile or vinyl flooring that can easily be hosed out, floor drainage is desirable. There should be access to running water, with available hoses if necessary. Lighting should be adequate to all areas, indoors and outdoors.

The facility should be large enough to set up a relief and/or exercise area if outdoor conditions are unfavorable.

A-2 FARM / EXOTIC ANIMALS

At this time there are no facilities available for accommodating farm and/or exotic animals. People who have these types of animals should have their own plans in place for hurricane season.

B. TRANSPORTATION

Clients may (if able) choose to transport their animals to the pet-friendly shelter on their own or they can be transported by Monroe County Transit buses to the shelter. These clients and their pets will be transported separately from the Special Needs Clients who do not have pets. Clients must meet all that is required of them before they will be authorized to be transported with their pets to the pet-friendly shelter. In order to protect the health and safety of people with allergies and/or compromised immune systems certain buses will be designated to remain allergen-free for transportation during an emergency. Other buses will be designated to transport people with pets. Along with their pet registration forms each client to be transported by Monroe County Transit will be required to sign an Emergency Transportation Agreement a copy of which is located in the forms section of this packet.

C. SET-UP AND SHUT-DOWN

C-1 Building

Check list to use prior to use of facility:

- Operational water and power
- Adequate lighting
- Ingress and egress through all doors, including emergency exits
- Building security

- Readily available and tagged (within past 12 months) fire extinguishers
- Operational ventilation
- Location and functionality of restrooms

C-2 Registration and Intake Area

Located near the animal area entrance, but not a narrow, cramped space. If co-located with a “people” shelter, have clear directions to pet facility. All animal areas will be clearly marked with signs.

C-3 Staff and Volunteer Coordination Area

Will be near the registration area for check-in and checkout, and coordination of duties.

C-4 Define Animal Areas

NO ANIMAL WILL BE OUTSIDE ITS CONTAINER WITHOUT A LEASH AND IDENTIFICATION. No animal can be accepted, unless circumstances become dire, without proof of a valid vaccination for rabies. Only staff and trained volunteers or animal owners will be allowed to remove any animal from its container.

C-4.1 TRIAGE – This is where animals are tagged, examined, and sent to the appropriate area. The registration agent will ensure that upon arrival each owner has equipment, covers, litter boxes, leashes, food and water bowls, etc., necessary for the care of their pet. Additional supplies available for use will be provided by the various animal shelters. All forms will be kept at the registration desks.

C-4.2 DOGS – The dog area will probably be the largest, as it will entail having several smaller areas within it. It is expected that the number of dogs will outnumber other animals. Alternate housing and care provisions, which may include a local veterinarian kennel, from a local veterinarian will be made for dogs for which there is no proof of a valid vaccination and those animals which appear to be ill, injured, or too aggressive to handle. Separate areas may be provided for older dogs sensitive to noise and activity.

C-4.3 Central to or near the dog area should be an animal relief area. This may be indoors or outdoors, depending on weather or other conditions. If outdoors, it is preferable that this be a secure area.

C-4.4 Animals, which appear ill, injured, or aggressive can be a hazard and liability. The shelter manager and animal shelter workers will ask the owner of any animal which may be a hazard to transport to a vet animal shelter for the duration of the event. It is not within the scope of our plan to manage ill, injured, or contagious pathogens. An

isolation area will be provided to hold animals until they can be moved to an alternative location. The FKSPCA has developed a plan for addressing this situation. Additionally, only selected persons should attend to the animal and these persons shall not return to the human side of the shelter. The plan is attached to this document and should be followed as the procedure for handling this and other problems that may arise. As circumstances permit, we may assist with the transportation of these animals.

C-4.5 CATS – Cats should be housed in a separate area from dogs if possible. All animals should be in the quietest areas possible. All cats must be in a covered carrier and come with their own litter box, food, medicines, etc.

C-4.6 OTHER SMALL PETS – These include small mammals and birds. These animals should also be in covered cages away from drafts.

C-4.7 FARM ANIMALS AND EXOTIC PETS – At this time owners of these animals should make their own plans to accommodate their animals. Monroe County does not have the facilities to take care of these types of animals.

C-4.8 Monroe County retains the authority to refuse admittance to any animal that appears uncontrollable or too ill for our capabilities or any animal whose owner is not complying with the minimum standards for entry.

D. Shut Down

Account for all equipment. Logistically, all equipment should be listed as it comes into the shelter and accounted for at shutdown. All equipment will be returned to the agencies or personnel/staff who donated its use and/or to the client who came in with it.

Clean up. All equipment will be cleaned and disinfected. The facility will be policed for cleanliness and damage. Floors will be cleaned and disinfected. All equipment used belonging on the property will be cleaned and returned to its proper place. The animal shelter staff in each area has agreed to provide the necessary cleaning and disinfectant supplies.

E. OPERATIONS

E-1 Shelter Kits – There should be several shelter kits available for the first person on the scene. These kits contain necessary forms and supplies to get things up and running until other volunteers and equipment arrive.

E-2 Registration and forms – Pet-friendly shelter staff will have the owner complete forms and give owners a copy of the shelter agreement. The registration forms will notate whether proof of vaccinations is provided for each animal. Registration forms are to be numbered and those numbers correspond with the numbers on the cage card. A 4x6 card will be attached to the cage/carrier with animal's pertinent information. The registration forms will remain at the registration desk in the file. Animals are then taken to the triage area. Owners will be given instructions for their pets and procedures and responsibilities explained to them. When the owner retrieves his/her pets, volunteers will make sure that all animals and equipment are accounted for. Owners will be required to sign all entrance and exit paperwork.

The best scenario would allow the clients to care for their own pets. However, at the initial stages of this plan the clients are being sheltered separately from their animals. As a result, the pet-friendly shelter staff will be responsible during the time when it is deemed unsafe for the clients to travel between the people shelter and pet shelter areas.

E-3 Visitation – At each of the pet-friendly shelters, Animal Control or Monroe County staff will have the authority to clear all non-personnel including pet owners from the pet-friendly shelter area before weather conditions become unsafe to return to the Special Needs shelter. Although frequent visits with pets are encouraged, Monroe County reserves the right to limit visitation to the pet areas. Preferably no children shall be in the pet area, and the animal care volunteers will have the authority to restrict the pet areas from children visitation.

E-4 Feeding – If the pets are housed with their owners, or while it is safe for the owners to travel between the people shelter and pet shelter areas, the owners are responsible for feeding and watering their own animals, unless special needs dictate, in which case volunteers will be assigned to these duties. Owners shall provide their own food for their pets. As it stands, the animals will be cared for by pet-friendly shelter staff and they will be responsible for the feedings of the animals during the times it is deemed unsafe for the owners to be traveling between the two shelter areas. If the animals belong to Special Medical Needs clients who are not housed at our shelter they will also be cared for by shelter staff and volunteers either at the pet-friendly shelter or at a location off site deemed appropriate by Animal Control staff.

E-5 Relief -

E-5.1 DOGS – Unless needs dictate, including the unsafe conditions for travel between shelter areas, owners will be responsible for animal relief and exercise in designated areas. If numbers of sheltered pets require, a relief schedule will be devised. The event may prove such that an indoor relief area will need to be set up. This consists of plastic sheeting and newspaper.

E-5.2 CATS – The owner shall provide litter and a litter tray (box) and be responsible for scooping of the litter whenever possible. The pet-friendly shelter staff will be responsible if the animals are sheltered separate from their owners.

Medication – Unless needs dictate, including the unsafe conditions for travel between shelter areas, owners are responsible for providing and administering all medications to pets. The owner shall make sure that any medication necessary should be given prior to the storm's arrival and as soon as it is safe after the storm. During the storm the owners will not be able to wander outside their building for safety reasons. The owner should keep a record of medications administered to their pet in case a medical emergency occurs. .

Sanitation – It is expected of owners to be the primary caretakers of their pet's cleanliness and sanitation needs. Outdoor relief areas should be cleaned (scooped) regularly. Indoor relief areas should be changed (newspaper) at least twice daily. Each owner will pick up and dispose of fouled papers and lay down clean papers for the next dog. This will help prevent spread of disease and reduce noxious odors. The plastic under the paper will be wiped down a couple of times a day and the area under the plastic will be disinfected when the shelter closes down.

Night staff or volunteers will disinfect floors nightly. Animal care volunteers shall have the authority to make adjustments to the cleaning routine schedule, as needed to protect all of the animals in the shelter.

Cages belonging to shelter will be cleaned and disinfected after each use between animals. Cages and equipment not in use will be returned to the equipment/supply area.

To provide sanitation and infection control, all staff and volunteers will wash and disinfect their hands after handling each animal, any cages, containers, cleaning any relief area, and after any contact with the pets and/or their supplies. All visitors to the pet area will be required to wash their hands before returning to the human part of the shelter. As a part of the closing process, the Animal Control staff will clean and disinfect the "pet-sheltering" areas and return the building to it's original condition.

F. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Pet supplies to be provided by the owner:

- Carriers, cages
- Food and water bowls
- Leashes, collars, harnesses
- Various foods
- Plastic sheeting
- Sheets and blankets

- Muzzles
- Flea spray
- Cat litter, trays
- Towels
- Grooming supplies
- First aid kit

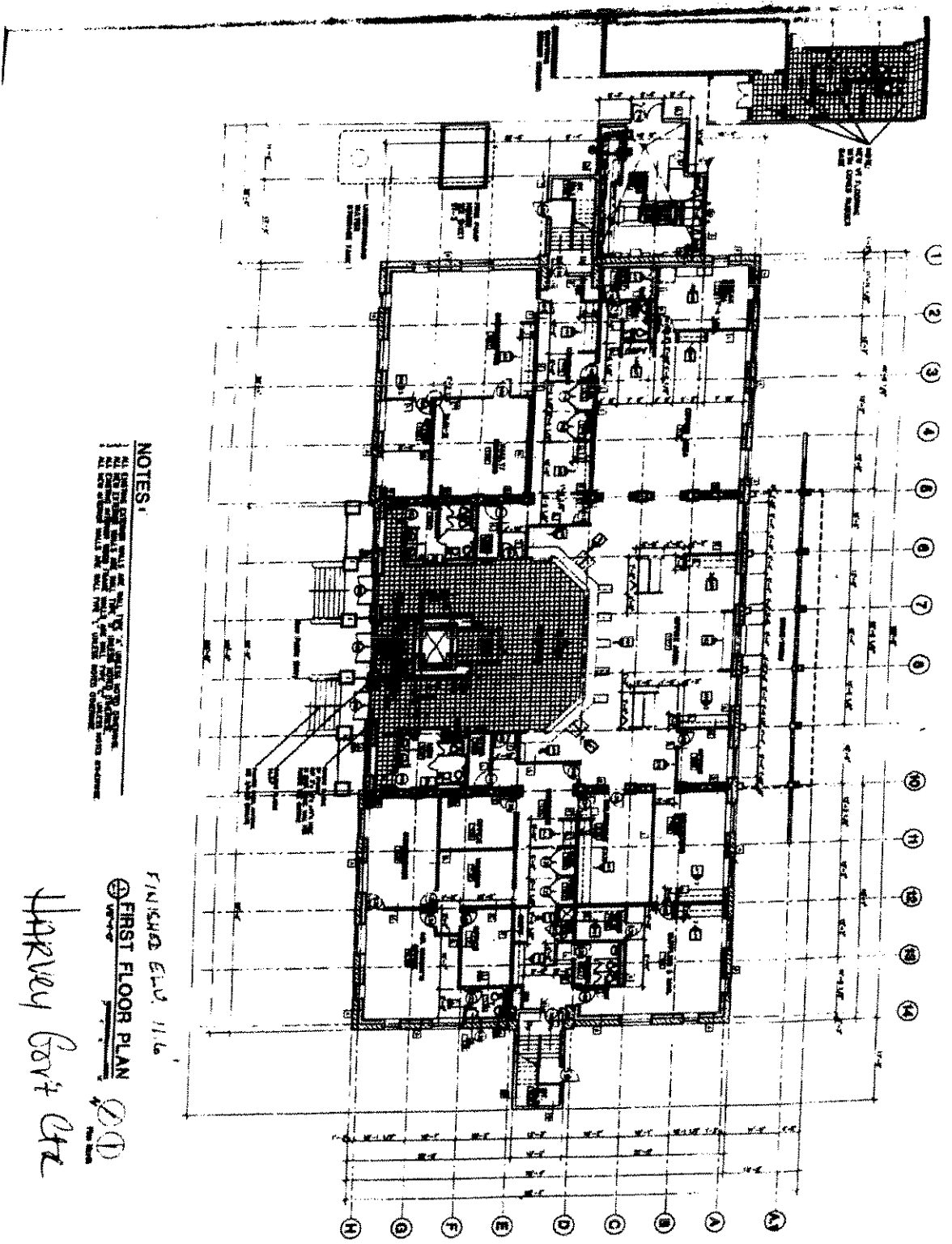
G. EDUCATION

It is hoped that, as disaster preparedness messages continue to reach the public, citizens will pre-plan and as such, fewer will need public shelters. Fortunately, many hotels and motels that do not normally admit pets amend their policies in a disaster. There are many websites available that have links to pet-friendly hotel/motels. Registered clients that have pets will be notified by mail regarding the pet pre-registration requirements. Should pet-friendly sheltering program be no longer offered, they will be notified so that they may make other arrangements for their pets.

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PET FRIENDLY SHELTER FLOOR PLANS



NOTES:
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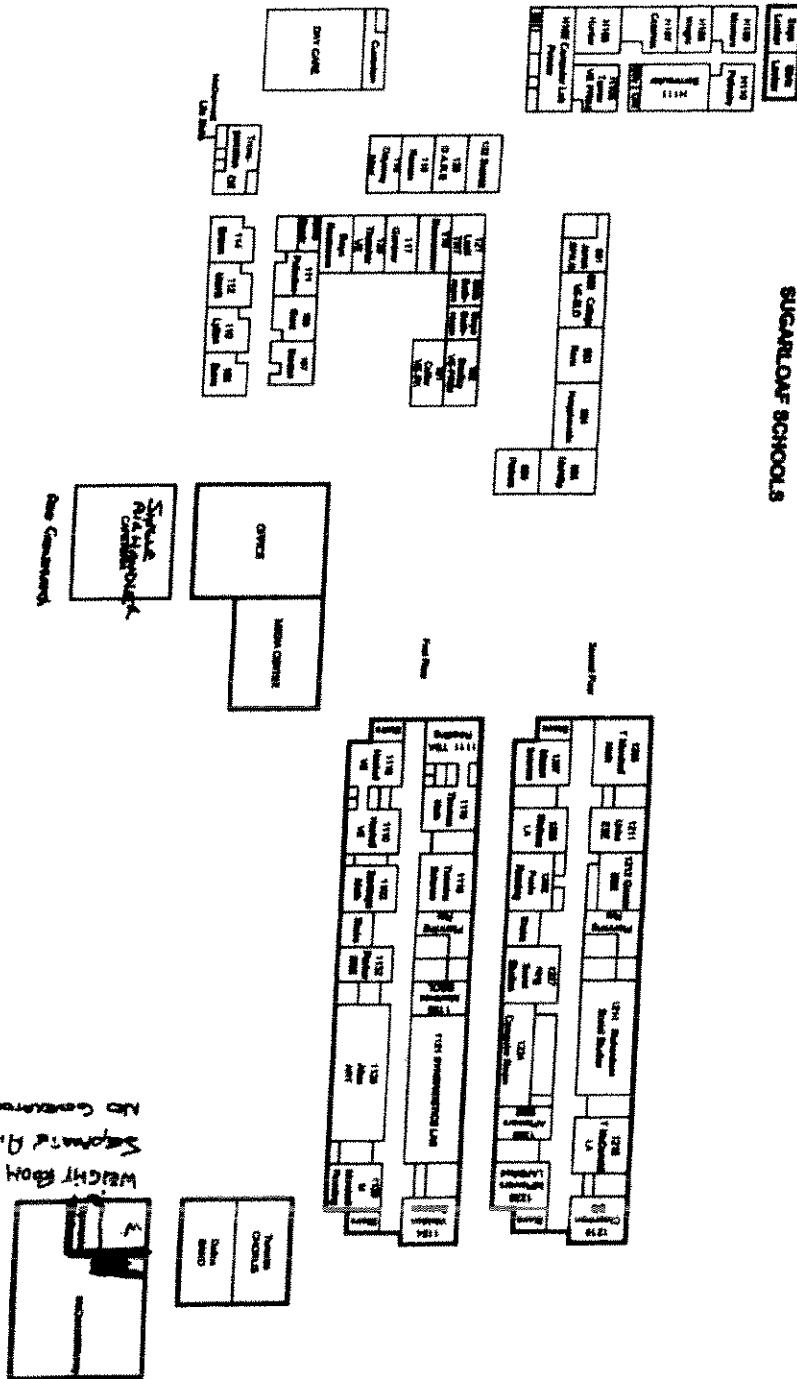
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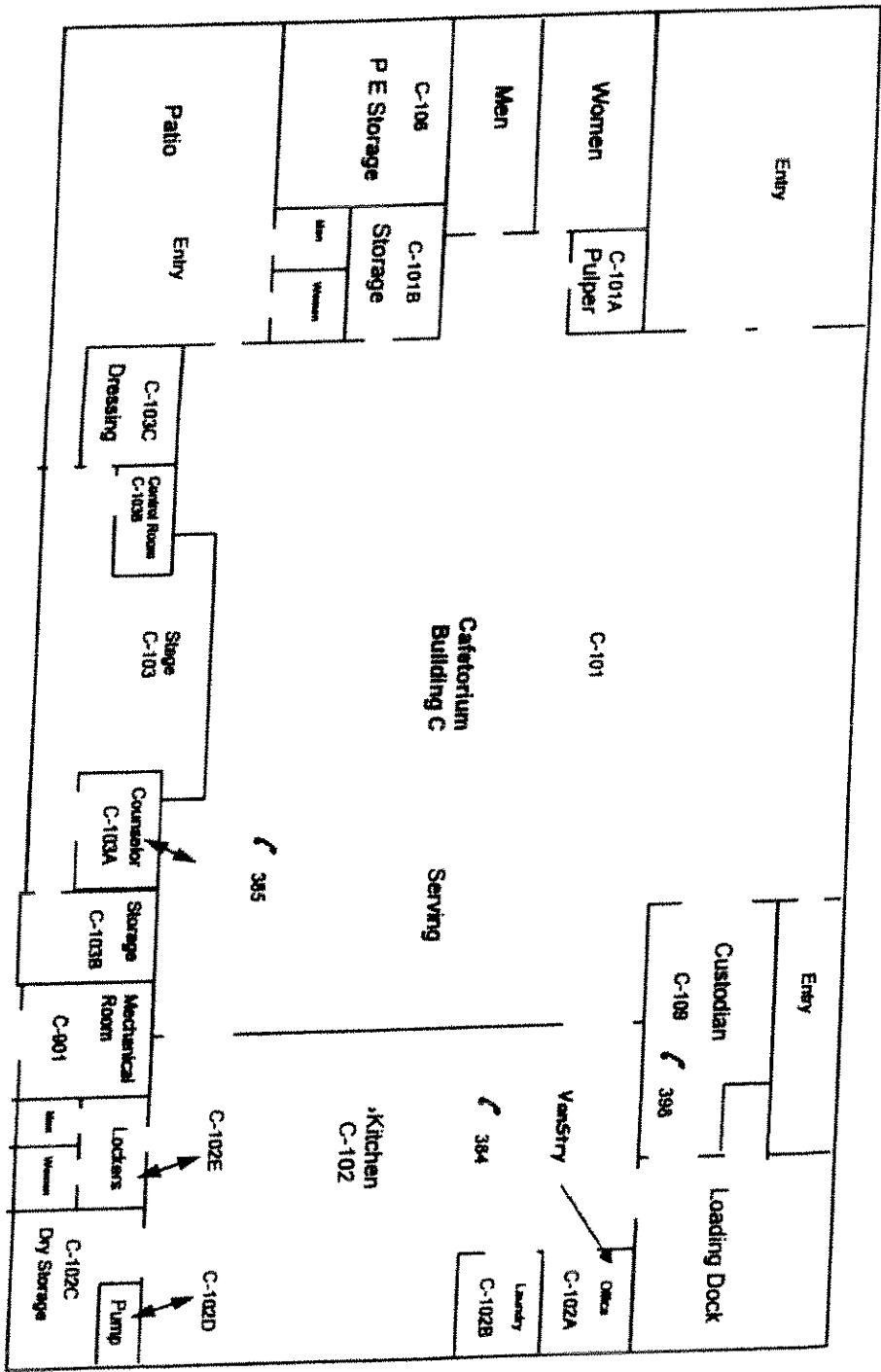
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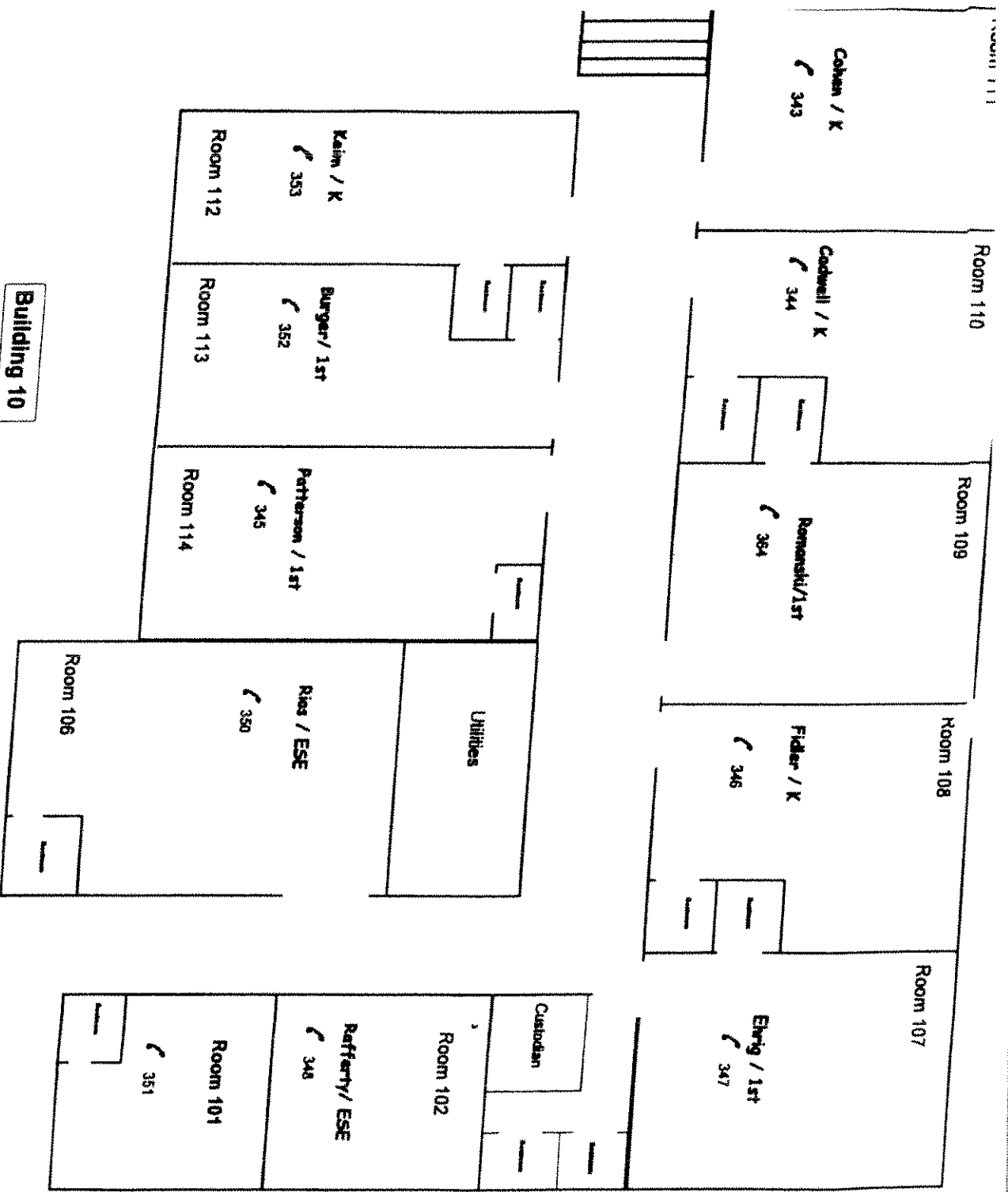


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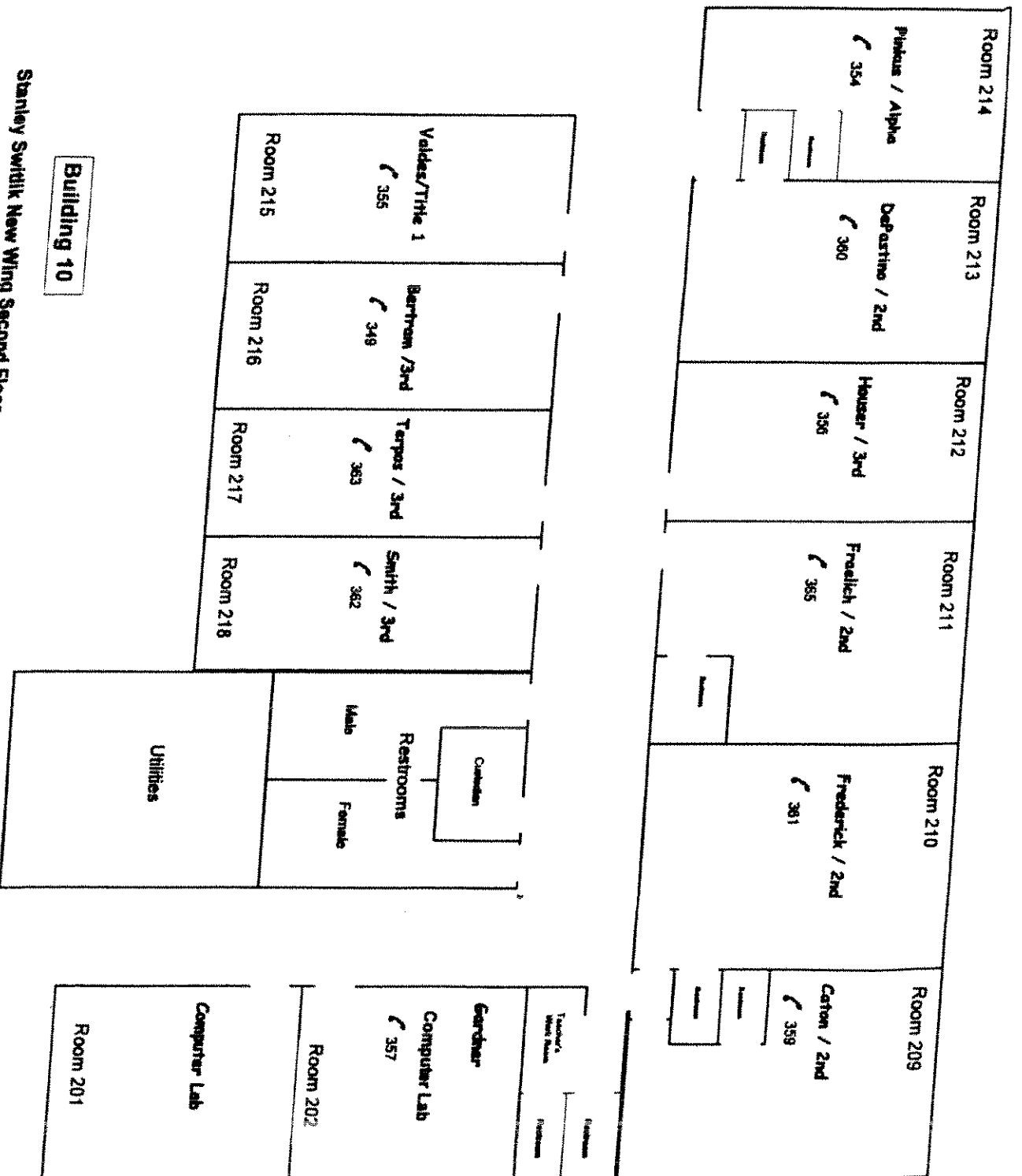
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Building 10

Stanley Switlik New Wing First Floor

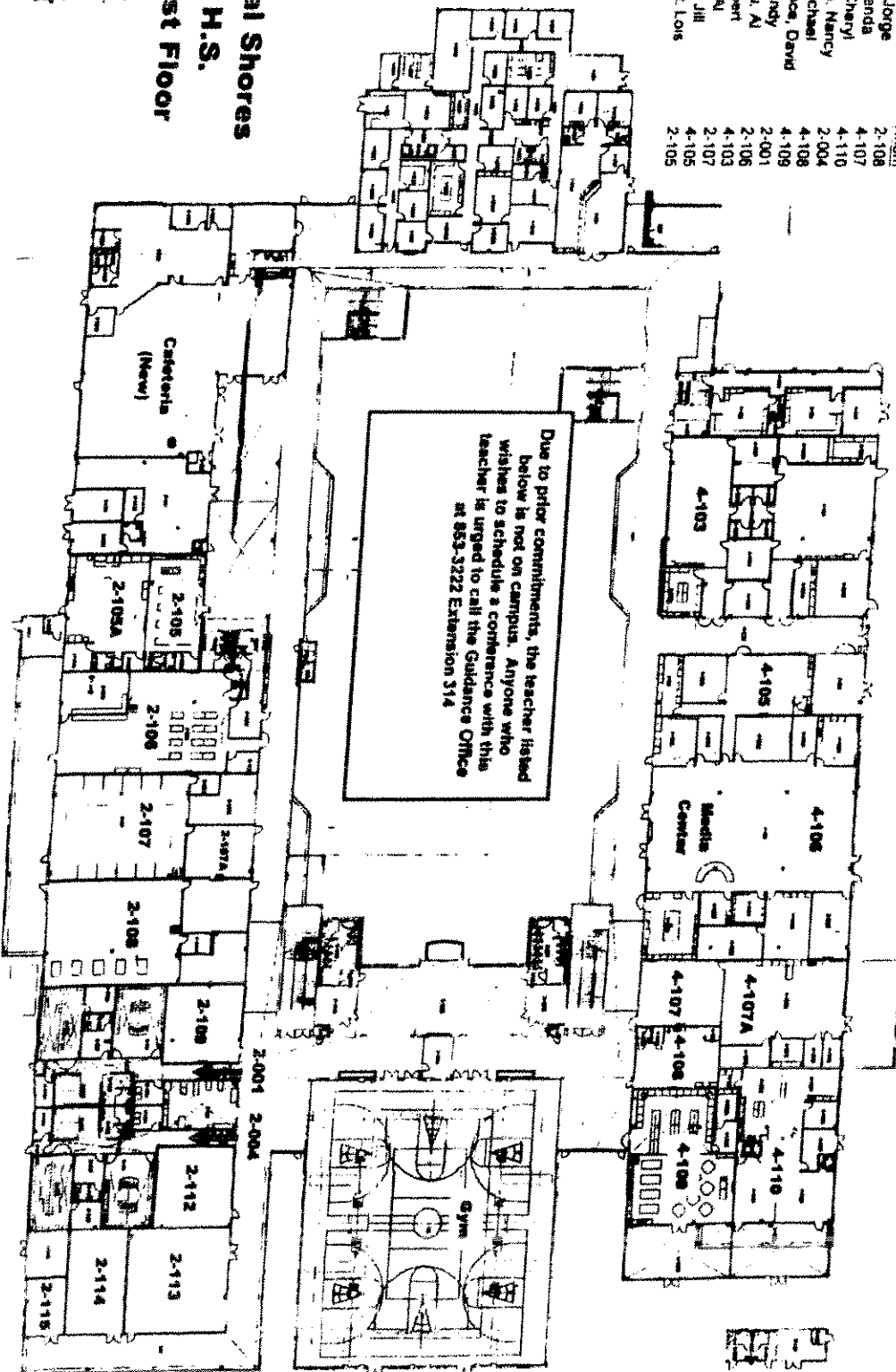
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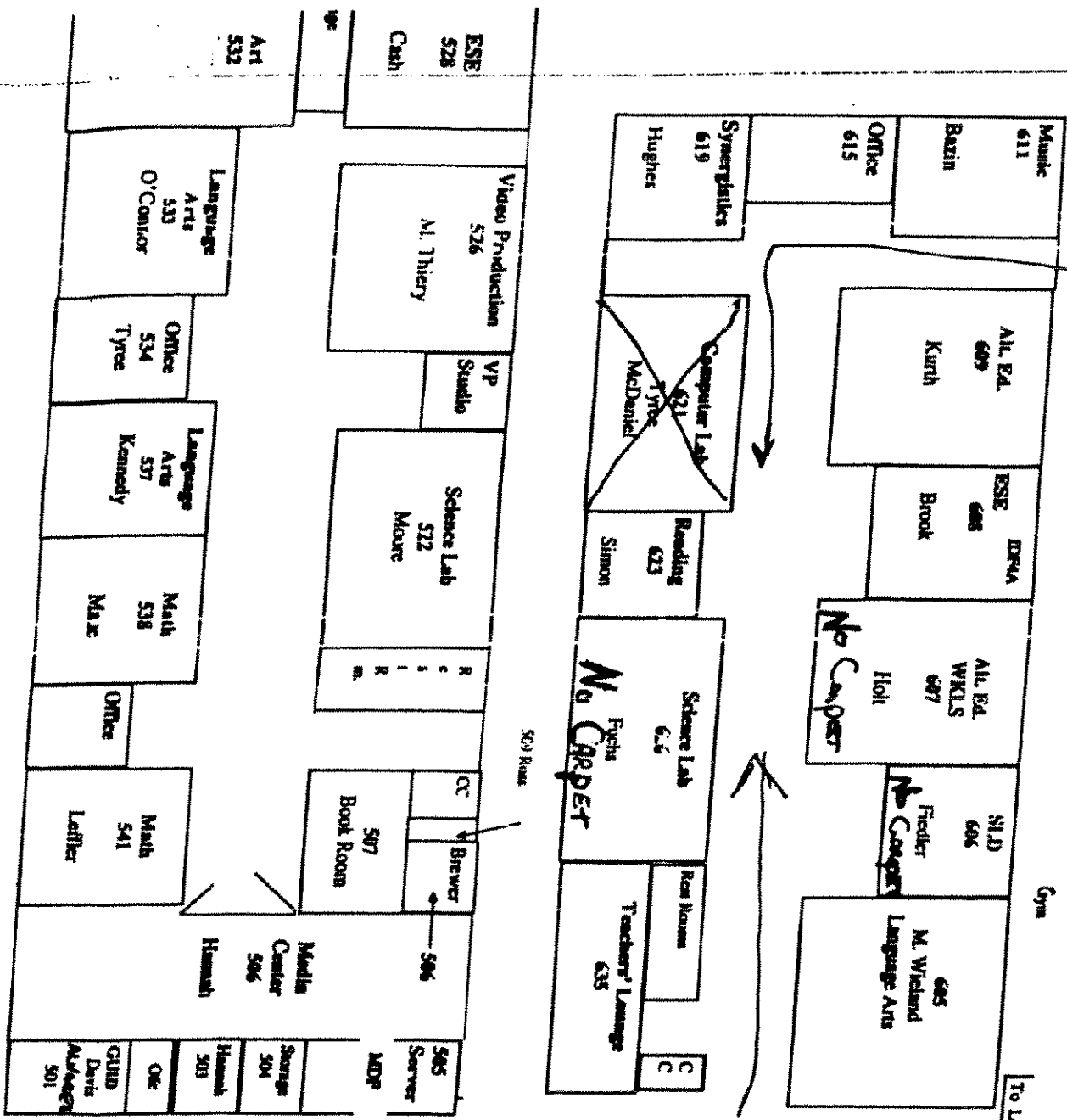


Teacher Locations

Teacher	Room
Mr. Jorge	2-108
Ms. Brenda	4-107
Mr. Cheryl	4-110
Ms. Nancy	2-004
Mr. Michael	4-108
Mr. David	4-109
Mr. Andy	2-001
Mr. Al	2-106
Mr. Robert	4-103
Mr. Al	2-107
Ms. Jill	4-105
Mr. Lois	2-105

Oral Shores
H.S.
First Floor





To Locker Room-Mr. Thiery, Mr. Smith & Mr. L...

Mr. Thompson

P33-P39 From IDFA Closures

Admin Building 04

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS 5 & 6
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MS Delgado
Pod 60

MS Grise
PS1 61

4th ALEA
PS2 Mulvihill
62

MS Math/
Science
PS4 Simone

Title I
45
PS3

PS2
W. O'Brien

Music
Gilbertson
63
Rosen from PS3

Handshakes
Meyer

Faculty Day Care

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Gavin

Romero

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SLD
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KG
Bassett

901

KG
Kerns

90C
90B
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KG
Caputo

KG
Larson
910

ESOL
Bosmano
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KG
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919

Pre-K
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Headstart

Computer Lab
Striping

Elementary Media
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Pre-K Pro-School
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To Administration Office

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PET OWNER FORMS

The attached forms are required to be filled out by the owner before the pet(s) will be admitted into the pet-friendly shelter.

MONROE COUNTY
EMERGENCY SHELTER AGREEMENT FOR PETS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CLIENT

I, _____ am registered with Monroe County as a Special Needs Client. I am the owner of the pet(s) listed on the registration form on the reverse side of this agreement.

I understand that when an emergency exists for which I have requested to be transported to an emergency shelter that special arrangements have been made to allow my pet(s) to be sheltered in the same facility as to that to which I will be transported. I understand and agree to abide by the pet care rules contained in this agreement. I also understand that Monroe County may terminate this agreement and withdraw its permission for pets of Special needs Clients in shelters, and that the continuation of the permission also is contingent upon the approval of the School Board with respect to those shelters which are schools.

RULES:

1. Only such pets as are identified on the reverse side of this agreement are allowed in the emergency shelter. It is my responsibility to keep my emergency shelter agreement for pets up to date and to notify the Monroe County Special Needs Coordinator in writing whenever the pets which I desire to have covered by this agreement changes.
2. My pet(s) will remain contained in its approved carrier except at scheduled times.
3. I understand that my pets may be kept in a secure location separate from me and that if so sheltered, they will be attended to by animal care volunteers. If I am sheltered in the same areas of my pets and can provide care to the pets myself, I agree to the following:
 - A. During scheduled relief times, my pet(s) will be properly confined with leash, harness or muzzle (if necessary). Scheduled times will be strictly adhered to.
 - B. Properly feed, water, and care for my pet(s) as instructed by the shelter manager. I understand all medication will be controlled by the shelter manager and administration will be properly documented.
 - C. I agree to properly sanitize the areas used by my pet(s), including proper waste disposal and disinfecting as instructed by the shelter manager.
 - D. I will not permit other shelter occupants to handle or approach my pet(s) either while it is in its carrier or during exercise times. I will make sure the carrier door is latched and secure with a wire or rope tie.
4. I certify that my pet(s) is current on rabies and all other vaccinations required on the reverse side of this agreement.
5. I will maintain proper identification on my pet(s) and its carrier at all times.
6. I will permit my pet(s) to be examined by qualified animal shelter personnel to determine if medical or stress conditions requiring attention are present. I further agree to the administration of medication to alleviate any symptoms.
7. I acknowledge that my failure to follow these rules may result in the removal of my pet(s) to another location. I further understand that if my pet(s) becomes unruly, aggressive, shows signs of contagious disease, is infested by parasites (fleas, ticks, lice, etc.) or begins showing signs of stress related conditions, it may be removed to a more appropriate location. I understand that any decision concerning the care and welfare of my pet(s) and the shelter population as a whole are within the sole discretion of the shelter manager, whose decision is final.
8. I further understand that any damage to persons or property caused by my pet(s) will be my responsibility.
9. I certify that my pet(s) has/have no previous history of aggressive behavior and has not been diagnosed with any contagious disease for which it has not received successful treatment.
10. I hereby agree and hold harmless all persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies involved in the care and sheltering of my animal(s), including injury or loss to/of the pet. I further agree to indemnify any persons or entities which may suffer any loss or damage as a result of the care and sheltering of my animal(s).
11. I will sign for any items loaned to me to provide proper care of my pet(s) during an emergency.

SIGNED _____

PRINTED NAME _____

DATE _____

**MONROE COUNTY
SPECIAL NEEDS CLIENT
PUBLIC EVACUATION SHELTER PET REGISTRATION AND AGREEMENT**

Owner:			
Address:			
City:		FL	Zip:
Phone:		Email:	

ALL ANIMALS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN CAGES OR CARRIERS. (Please mark cage/carrier with owner's identification)

EMERGENCY CONTACT (NOT IN SHELTER) _____ (Name) _____ (Phone)

Licensed Animals (Dogs, Cats, Ferrets) – Limit of 4 Total

Name	Type (Dog, Cat, Ferret)	Breed/Color/Other ID Mark	License #	Vaccinations*

Birds

Name	Breed/Color/Other ID Mark	Vaccinations*

ARE ANY ANIMALS ON MEDICATION? If so explain and give time normally administered:

Can medication/ supplements be given in regular food rations? yes no

Are there medical problems or behavioral characteristics we should know about? If yes, list:

(This information is required only for purposes of planning & not to affect the acceptance of the pet at the shelter.)

***Vaccinations:** At the time of registration, County staff shall insert the Rabies Vaccination tag # and list the required vaccinations for which pet has documented proof. A predetermined list of vaccinations for specific types of pet shall be used to determine the vaccinations which are required.

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Vaccinations current for: _____ Through (date) _____

County staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

MONROE COUNTY
EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
CLIENT WITH PET(S)

I, _____ am registered with Monroe County as a Special Needs Client . I have registered my pet(s) as part of the County's Special needs Clients Emergency Evacuation Program and entered into an Emergency Shelter Agreement. I understand that the County can only provide transportation by picking up as many similarly situated special needs clients and their pets in the same vehicle in as few trips as possible. I acknowledge that if I use the County's emergency transportation services to reach an emergency shelter with my pet(s), I and my pet(s) will be in a vehicle with other animals. I understand that the County takes precautions to prevent the spread of disease by requiring all animals included in the program to have certain inoculations and to be on a flea/tick control program. Notwithstanding these precautions, I understand that it is possible for disease to spread between animals and/or people when placed together in the same vehicle.

I hereby waive any right or claim which might arise as a result of being in the same vehicle as the animals of other special needs clients using the same pet-friendly program.

SIGNED _____

PRINTED NAME _____

DATE _____

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VOLUNTEER FORMS

The attached forms are required to be filled out by all volunteers before they can assist in the shelter in any way.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Mayor Murray E. Nelson, District 5
Mayor Pro Tem David P. Rice, District

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Dixie M. Spehar, District 1

George Neugent, District 2

Charles "Sonny" McCoy, District 3

Monroe County Human Resources
1100 Simonton Street, #268
Key West, FL 33040
(305) 292-4557 - Phone
(305) 292-4564 - Fax

MONROE COUNTY VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

SS# _____ ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT: (FACILITY / LOCATION) _____

TIME AVAILABLE: _____

ANY ACCOMODATIONS NEEDED IN ARRANGING YOUR ASSIGNMENT? _____

TRANSPORTATION:

WILL YOU BE DRIVING AS PART OF YOUR VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT? YES () NO ()

DO YOU HAVE TRANSPORTATION: YES () NO () DRIVER'S LICENSE#: _____

CAR INSURANCE COMPANY: _____ POLICY # _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

VOLUNTEER STATUS AGREEMENT

I _____, VOLUNTEER MY SERVICES THROUGH
(Print Name)

_____, AND UNDERSTAND THAT I AM NOT AN
(Agency or Department)

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(Signature of volunteer)

(Signature of witness)

(Date)

(Date)

VOLUNTEER INSURANCE AGREEMENT

I _____, THE VOLUNTEER, UNDERSTAND THAT IF I USE MY PERSONAL AUTO IN MY VOLUNTEER SERVICE, I WILL ARRANGE TO KEEP IN EFFECT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE EQUAL TO THE MINIMUM LIMITS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY ACCIDENT MEDICAL COVERAGE SUPPLIED TO ME WILL BE IN EXCESS OF ANY AVAILABLE MEDICARE OR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM IN FORCE:

(Signature of volunteer)

I DESIGNATE _____ AS MY BENEFICIARY FOR ANY ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO ME.

RELATIONSHIP TO BENEFICIARY: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

VOLUNTEER DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AGREEMENT

VOLUNTEERS MAY BE SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND CHECKS. MONROE COUNTY IS A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AND VOLUNTEERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE MONROE COUNTY DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY AND WORK RULES.

(Volunteer Signature/Date)

VOLUNTEER LIABILITY WAIVER AGREEMENT

I understand that I am volunteering my services, that I am responsible for my own actions and hereby waive any liability for any injury to myself or any of my property which I may have at the volunteer site. I further covenant and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Monroe County Board of County Commissioners from any and all claims for bodily injury (including death), personal injury, and property damage (including property owned by Monroe County) and any other losses, damages, and expenses (including attorney's fees) which arise out of, in connection with, or by reason of the above-referenced volunteer activity.

(Volunteer Signature/Date)

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FLORIDA KEYS SPCA PLAN

FKSPCA Plan

→ Center

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All animals received into a shelter are giving a precursory evaluation as to health and temperament.


Although an animals health is best determined by a licensed Veterinarian and all animals entering the shelter must be accompanied by a vaccination record and are pre registered, it will be necessary to determine if there are any medical or behavioral conditions or concerns that are obvious to the animal care attendants. These attendants though not licensed Veterinarians, for the most part are highly capable of identifying both behavior and possible medical conditions that could pose a risk of infection or cross contamination of other animals or people.

- If unusual mucus discharge is present or presents as time goes by in the shelter an animal is removed from the general animal area and placed into a pre determined isolation area. This area is to be cleaned with appropriate disinfectants and additional attention is given to cross contamination concerns via air transfer from suspected sick animals to the general population animals.
- Skin disorders or known medical conditions shall be discussed with the animal owners and the animal care attendants at the time of entry into the shelter. If it is determined that skin problems or conditions are not of a contagious nature no additional action is required. If it is determined that an animal has a skin condition or medical problem that is contagious the animal will be removed from the general animal population area and placed in an isolation area. The animal will then be removed from the facilities and taken to the nearest animal control facility or private veterinarians office if available. Most contagious skin diseases are contact diseases and particular consideration will be given that no one except the animal care attendants will handle, clean or transport these animals as to limit exposure.
- Parasitic infestations will be dealt with giving consideration to severity. Fleas and Ticks will be addressed by both manual removal and pesticides provided either by the owners or by participating animal care attendants or groups.
- Fear elicited aggression is expected when animals are housed in temporary environments. This aggression can generally be lessened with a reduction in contact with strangers. No unauthorized contact of animals is permitted at the shelters and only the animal care attendants and animal owners are allowed to interact with the animals in the aforementioned areas. At no time is it permissible for an animal to be at large or not leashed unless on a scheduled break for elimination and exercise purposes. These breaks are scheduled by the animal care attendants. Even during elimination breaks no animal is to be at large.
- Animals, aggressive or not are all kept in carriers or kennels and only out during supervised and scheduled breaks while on lead with their owner. This limits the concern for aggression.

- Animal waste is removed from cages and placed into plastic bags. The bags are tied closed and thrown away along with other trash. The feces or "organic material" is generally removed by scoop or by gloved hand paying particular attention not to cross contaminate one kennel to another. The hard surface the organic matter is removed from is then disinfected with appropriate cleaning agents such as quaternary ammoniums. These products have been developed specifically for hospital and animal husbandry facilities. Although not always sporicidal or fungicidal these products in conjunction with detergents, iodine compounds and sodium hypochlorite (bleach) are generally accepted to provide adequate sanitation, sterilization and disinfection. However, given respiratory concerns both for animals and people, certain products can not be used and dilution rates of products must be adhered to. MSDS (material safety data sheets) for each product will be found with the animal care attendant supervisor.
- After the appropriate contact time for the chemical cleaner to be effective has elapsed the product is removed with clean water and the surface area dried prior to replacement or introduction of new or the same animal into the area.
- Exercise or elimination areas are cleaned the same way kennels are cleaned except when elimination occurs outdoors then only removal of the organic material and surface application of bacteriostats and virucides can occur due to saturation of the soil. However most threats of contagion can be reduced with the timely and proper removal of the hard organic matter prior to allowing additional animals to go to the elimination space.
- All animal care attendants and animal owners are instructed to wash hands between interactions with animals and always prior to leaving the animal area.
- In the event a bite or scratch occurs the appropriate bite report and records will be generated to allow for the recognized 10 day quarantine period as is currently addressed by each animal control contractor these are the animal care attendants at each of the special needs pet friendly shelters in question.

though this is not formatted as an operational manual, I hope this will help you better understand the depth and structured approach that will be in place once we can move forward with this plan.

can be of any further assistance please call.


a Humane Society
Director F.K.S.P.C.A.
294-4857

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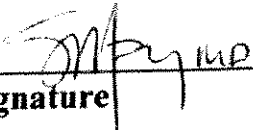
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**Monroe County Health Department Director
Sign-off**

	<u>7/24/04</u>
Signature	Date

Susana May MD
Printed Name